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In re Application of

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For: ACCESS NETWORK FOR MOBILE TERMINALS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4 to 8 as follows:

4. (Amended) Access network for mobile terminals according to claim 1, characterised in that it includes an allocation table which maps, to each virtual path identifier VPI which the switch (VCX) is capable of allocating to a signalling channel, a group of virtual circuit identifiers VCI different from one VPI identifier to another, the said switch (VCX) allocating to the user channel, at the time it is formed, at least one virtual circuit identifier (VCI_dat) from the group corresponding to the virtual path identifier (VPI_u) of the said user channel.

5. (Amended) Access network for mobile terminals according to claim 1, characterised in that it includes an adaptation unit for effecting the translation, both in the uplink direction and in the downlink direction, on the one hand of the virtual path identifiers respectively